



# Aparima College Newsletter

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Youthmark 2023 Tahla Ward

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## *He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki* (a word from the Principal's desk)

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we bid farewell to another remarkable school year, I want to express my gratitude for the incredible efforts and achievements of our students, staff, and parents/caregivers.

This year has been filled with academic accomplishments, creative endeavors, and a strong sense of community. Our students have shown resilience and dedication in their studies, and I am immensely proud of each and every one of them.

Our teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to create a nurturing and stimulating learning environment, and their commitment to our students' success is truly commendable. Thank you for your passion and hard work throughout the year.

To our parents, your support and partnership have been invaluable. Your involvement in your child's education is a key factor in their growth and development, and we appreciate the collaborative spirit that makes our school community thrive. Thank you for taking the time to volunteer with sport groups, camps and trips.

As we look back on the year, let's celebrate the achievements, cherish the memories, and eagerly anticipate the opportunities that the next school year will bring. Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating summer break.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Aparima College Whānau.

Aroha nui,

*Aloma Williams*  
*Principal*



## **Aparima College Prize Giving**

*This is being held on Thursday 7 December 2023  
at 7:00pm in the school hall.*

*Everyone to please be seated by 6:50pm*

*All students, Year 7 – 13 are to attend and to be in  
full correct school uniform*

*All Parents/Caregiver and family members are  
welcome*



# Youthmark - Tahla Ward

Tahla Ward is the 2023 Head Student for Aparima College. She is a vibrant and energetic leader who brings a positive energy to the school. She holds high expectations of herself and of the other students at the school.

A gifted musician, Tahla has won several awards including recently The Gold Guitars 2023 and CDMAs in 2022. She shares her music with others through performance and teaching. Regularly teaching young aspiring musicians in guitar and singing. A member of Miharo Youth Leadership programme Whakamana Kia Te Rangatahi. She brings cultural leadership to Aparima College through leading kapa haka and engagement in robust discussions about current issues.

Tahla has achieved NCEA Level 2 with Merit Endorsement. In 2024 she intends to enrol at Waikato University for the 1<sup>st</sup> year Diploma, Te Tohu Paetahi before embarking on her bachelors degree in Māori and Indigenous studies.



## Jet Setting Future Leader

We are very proud of Neosha Grimwood who has been selected as one of 40 young leaders from across New Zealand and Australia to attend a Pacific Leadership Course in Vanuatu. Neosha will travel to Vanuatu this week and is looking forwards to meeting like minded thinkers from across the Pacific. As Deputy Head Student for 2024, Neosha hopes to raise awareness for mental health amongst youth. Many thanks to the Lions and Rotary Clubs for their support of Neosha.



# Treet Yourself

Brodie Murdoch and Caleb Diprose represented Southland at the Young Enterprise Scheme National Finals with their company Treet Yourself in Wellington on Monday 4th December. They competed with 20 companies from across New Zealand to pitch their ideas to five judges. The winners were announced at a gala awards' evening at the new Events Centre. The judges said that the standard was higher than ever this year. They loved Treet Yourself's pitch around planting native trees for landowners, placed them just outside the top three companies, and predicted that they would 'go gangbusters' next year. To gain momentum for their service, Treet Yourself liaised with the new Minister for the Environment at Parliament and the Environment Protection Agency.



**Aparima College are very proud of  
you both and Mrs Grove for her  
inspiration and mentoring -  
Awesome achievement and a great  
experience. Well Done!!**





# Congratulations

Well done to Lakisha Mennell who was awarded on Saturday night at the Southland Squash Awards the Squash Southland under 13 Age Group Champion for 2023. Next year we are excited to announce that we are introducing Squash into the Kia Tu Programme.



# Celebrations

Diwali Celebrations enjoyed by staff and students recently.





# Year 8 Camp





# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## For all Parents and Caregivers

### Aparima College – Change of Uniform Item for 2024

Please note that in 2024 all students will be required to wear the new school socks, black with green top.

**From the start of 2024 the white socks and grey socks will no longer be worn by students.**



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### 2024 Summer Holidays

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Saturday 6 January	10.00am - 3.00pm

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# William Pike

The students in William Pike were full of joy for the Christmas season, starting the 1st of December with listening to Mariah Carey while making Christmas cards and baking for some of our local residents.

In the afternoon, they dropped some of these goods off to our local police and to some of the friendly residents at the Bupa Longwood Retirement Village.

There is no doubt that this cohort of students has made an impact on our school and local community with their community service and positive attitudes!





# Year 10 Camp

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 27 students and four staff headed off for a two-night stay at Borland Lodge.

During the three days the group was divided into three groups and rotated through a range of different activities e.g., kayaking, abseiling, tramping, swimming, to name a few. The weather was awesome, but the sandflies were a killer. During the evenings we had a bon fire and night drop activity. Lots of touch was played and loud music could be heard from certain cabins.

All students were on their best behaviour, so were the teachers. Thanks to Mr Ripley for organising the camp.





# Junior Students out and about

Our junior students out recently attending the Mitre 10 Tough Kids, Adventure Race, Year 9 Fun Day and Aparima Challenge.





# Electronic Devices 2024

All our Year 9—13 students need to bring a device to school for learning (Laptop or Chromebook - not a Cellphone). We need Year 9—13 students to have access to a device at all times for the multitude of tasks that are being completed digitally. So will require them to bring their own device with them each day. We have a number of possible ways of helping families for whom this may present issues and we would ask that if this is the case for you, please let us know as soon as possible so we can assist you. This assistance can be in different forms, so please get in touch and discuss your specific needs with us. For those families whose students already have devices, please encourage them to bring them to school every day. **Please note: Students can purchase any laptops or Chromebooks from any supplier they choose. Conbrio is who we use for our Chromebooks and this is their latest offer.**



**We have the opportunity to buy affordable second hand or new Chromebook devices for school through Conbrio Technology Limited.**

The device brands and models change as per availability. These come with a standard 1 Yr warranty and charging adapter.

Contact Conbrio Technology directly to discuss options via details below or view online.  
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Refurbished From \$215+GST

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# SIT Taster Day

Our Year 9 and 10 students experienced the SIT Taster Day on Tuesday. These are the Nursing, hospitality, Carpentry, Automotive, Animation and Electrical photos. The students had an enjoyable day!!







## Office Hours & Opening Information 2023/2024

### Office Hours, End of 2023

Friday 8 December 2023– the office will be open from 9:00am to 11:00am only (closed for the rest of the day)

Monday 11 December and Tuesday 12 December 2023 the office will be open from 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Office closed from Wednesday 14 December 2023**

### Office Hours 2024

Monday 29 January & Tuesday 30 January the office will be open from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Wednesday 31 January onwards the office will be open from 8:00am – 4:00pm

### Student Information for the start of 2024

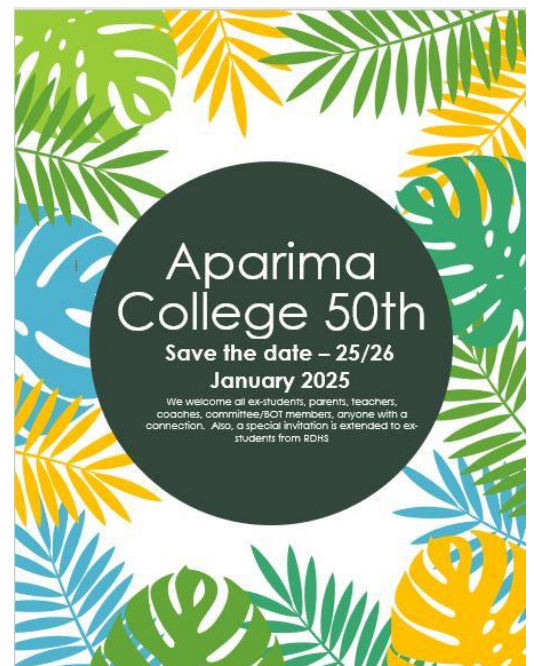
- **Wednesday 31 January – Teacher Only Day**
- **Thursday 1 February – All students to attend.**

All students must bring their stationery with them on the first day of school and the items required are available through OfficeMax - <https://www.myschool.co.nz/>

*Note: all students must be in their form class each day by 8:40am and school finishes at 3:00pm.*

## 2024 Stationery Requirements

Your child's stationery requirements are available now to view on the OfficeMax MySchool site [www.myschool.co.nz/aparima](http://www.myschool.co.nz/aparima). Year 7/8/9 and 10 students will need to purchase everything on the stationery list. Year 11/12 and 13 students will only need to purchase stationery for the subjects they are taking. Any questions please contact the College office on 2348 900.





# UP AND COMING EVENTS

7 December 2023

Aparima College Prizegiving

See Office Hours & Opening Information for 2023/2024 in newsletter 😊



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### HATO HONE ST JOHN RIVERTON FIRST RESPONSE UNIT

The community of Riverton really needs your help. Currently we have only 3 volunteers to help with our ambulance response locally.

We have just acquired a First Response Unit that is able to respond to emergencies in our community for the initial help and care of patients until a transporting crew from outside our area can arrive.

Hato Hone St John offers full training to enable First Responders to care for patients. We offer an internationally recognised First Responder Qualification with NZQA endorsement.

Do you have an employer that would be willing to allow you to respond to a pager for an hour or so or do you have a few hours in the evening or overnight that you could turn a pager on and respond if someone needed your help?

If you are interested in helping your Community and Hato Hone St John, please call Kat Andrew Group Operations Manager Southland West on 027 291 5462 or Volunteer Support Manager Sandra Wilson on 027 232 8479.

This could be a life changing decision for you as well as your community.







<b>PUBLIC SIGNING SESSION</b> <b>SUN 19 NOV</b> <b>SPARK ARENA</b>	<b>MASCOT PARTY</b> <b>SAT 20 JAN</b> <b>SPARK ARENA</b>
<b>DC MULTIVERSE ROUND</b> <b>SAT 9 DEC</b> <b>SPARK ARENA</b>	<b>BACK TO THE FUTURE</b> <b>FRI 26 JAN</b> <b>EVENTFINDA STADIUM</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS GAME</b> <b>FRI 22 DEC</b> <b>SPARK ARENA</b>	<b>CHINESE NEW YEAR</b> <b>FRI 9 FEB</b> <b>SPARK ARENA</b>
<b>CARNIVAL DAY</b> <b>SUN 7 JAN</b> <b>SPARK ARENA</b>	<b>FAN APPRECIATION DAY</b> <b>FRI 16 FEB</b> <b>SPARK ARENA</b>



**8 REMAINING AUCKLAND GAMES**

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# GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL




**SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2024**  
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Organiser: Suzanne Penrice, Events Coordinator of Hospice Southland, 75 New Road, Invercargill



## Aparima Out of School Music

Does anyone want to learn Saxophone or Guitar.  
\*\* ALL ages and ALL levels - Anyone can learn \*\*

Hello My name is Morgan Bickley, I have 25 years of gigs/shows and performances and an Honors Degree from Otago University. I am local here in Riverton, and this term I have a maximum of 8 positions available.

Lessons are 30 mins  
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5.00pm - 5.30pm  
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I also have Instruments for rental  
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Winton - Monday 29th January  
Riversdale - Tuesday 30th January  
Rakiura - Friday 2nd February

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